

*Featherstone*

URBAN DISTRICT  
OF  
FEATHERSTONE

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and the

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

**1957**

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Medical Officer's Section,  
Health Department,  
Baghill House,  
Walkergate,  
Pontefract.

Madam Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

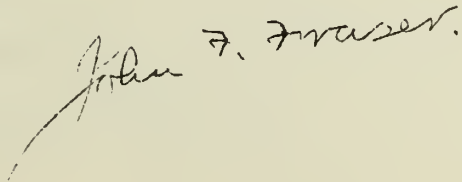
I have the honour to present for your information and consideration, a Report on the Health and Health Services of Featherstone during the year, 1957.

The Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector dealing with the Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District, Housing and the Inspection and Supervision of Food Supplies, is complementary to this Report.

For your information certain details of the personal health services administered by the County Council are included.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

 John A. Fraser.

Medical Officer of Health.



FEATHERSTONE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL - 1957

Chairman: Cr. H. Woodcock J.P.  
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Cr. E. Rowley.

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Medical Officer of Health:

John F. Fraser, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Senior Public Health Inspector:

John Hilsley, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.



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P A R T O N E.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area of District: 4,425 acres.  
 Population, mid-year, Registrar-General's estimate: 14,410.  
 Number of inhabited houses at end of 1957: 4,435.  
 Rateable value at end of 1957 - £84,335. 1956 - £87,831.  
 Product of penny rate; 1957 - £335. 12. 2d. 1956 - £208.17.3d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The figures in brackets are the corresponding ones for 1956.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	154 (148)	114 (122)	268 (270)
Illegitimate.	2 (3)	2 (6)	4 (9)
Totals:-	<u>156 (151)</u>	<u>116 (128)</u>	<u>272 (279)</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population: 18.9 (19.5).

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	5 (4)	1 (4)	6 (8)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Totals:-	<u>5 (4)</u>	<u>2 (4)</u>	<u>7 (8)</u>

Rate per 1,000 live and still births: 25.1 (27.9)

Rate per 1,000 estimated population: .48 ( .55)

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
All age Groups	86 (81)	62 (53)	148 (134)

<u>Deaths - Infants under one year.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	4 (5)	1 (3)	5 (8)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Totals:-	<u>4 (5)</u>	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>6 (8)</u>

<u>Deaths - Infants under four weeks.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	4 (4)	1 (2)	5 (6)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
Totals:-	<u>4 (4)</u>	<u>2 (2)</u>	<u>6 (6)</u>

MATERNAL DEATHS. NIL (NIL)

Death Rates.  
 General rate per 1,000 population. 10.3 ( 9.3)  
 All infants per 1,000 live births. 22.1 (28.7)  
 Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 18.65 (29.62)  
 Maternal deaths per 1,000 live and still births NIL ( NIL )

The principle causes of death are set out in the following Table.

T A B L E I.

Cause of Death.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Tuberculosis Respiratory.	3	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.	-	5	5
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	6	4	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	1	1
Diabetes.	1	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	11	21
Coronary disease, angina.	15	10	25
Hypertension with heart disease	3	-	3
Other heart disease	10	7	17
Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	1	4	5
Bronchitis	11	4	15
Other diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and Duodenum.	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-	3
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	7	9	16
Motor vehicle accidents	4	-	4
All other accidents	2	2	4
Suicide	1	-	1
TOTALS:-	86	62	148

The number of deaths registered during the year was 148, 14 more than last year. This yields a death rate of 10.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population as against a figure of 9.3 for the previous year. The rate for England and Wales is 11.5.

The principal causes of death as compared with 1956, 1955, 1954 and 1953 are as follows:-

	<u>1957.</u>	<u>1956.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1954.</u>	<u>1953.</u>
Heart Disease.	68	65	42	40	33
Cancer	21	20	26	22	16
Bronchitis	16	8	21	14	9
Tuberculosis (all forms)	4	1	1	4	3

INFANT MORTALITY.

The infant mortality rate for 1957 is 22.1 compared with 23.0 which is the figure for England and Wales.

The following Table gives causes of infant deaths during 1957, classified into age groups and months of incidence.

TABLE II.

Cause of Death.	Weeks.				Months.				- 1 yr.		
	- 1.	1-2	2-3	3-4	1-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	M.	F.	T.
Prematurity.	3								2	1	3
Atelactasis, Prematurity.	1								1	-	1
Asphyxia Neonatorum, Breech delivery.	1								-	1	1
Intra Cerebral Haemorrhage.	1								1	-	1
TOTALS:-	6								4	2	6

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR PREVIOUS  
SEVEN YEARS AS COMPARED WITH 1957.

<u>Year.</u>	<u>Birth Rate.</u>	<u>Death Rate.</u>	<u>Infant Mortality Rate.</u>
1950	19.0	9.7	46
1951	19.1	7.1	7
1952	18.4	9.2	19.3
1953	19.8	8.0	32.4
1954	15.6	10.1	36.5
1955	16.6	10.4	42.6
1956	19.5	9.3	28.7
1957	18.9	10.3	22.1



T A B L E    III.

COMPARISON OF FEATHERSTONE VITAL STATISTICS WITH OTHER WEST RIDING URBAN DISTRICTS, THE WEST RIDING ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY AND ENGLAND AND WALES.

	Feather- stone Urban District.	Aggregate West Rid- ing Urban Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales Provis. figures
BIRTH RATE (per 1,000 estimated population)	18.9	16.1	16.6	16.1
DEATH RATE (per 1,000 estimated pop.) <u>All Causes.</u>	10.3	12.4	11.7	11.5
Infective & Para.Dis. excl.Tub.but incl. Syphl. & other V.D.	-	0.07	0.07	*
Tuberculosis Respiratory	0.28	0.08	0.08	0.09
Tuberculosis Other	-	0.01.	0.01	0.01
Tuberculosis All Forms	0.28	0.09	0.09	0.11
Cancer	1.46	1.99	1.87	2.09
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	1.46	2.15	1.95	*
Heart & Circulatory	3.26	4.61	4.30	*
Respiratory Diseases	1.60	1.46	1.37	*
Maternal Mortality (per 1,000 live and still births.	Nil	0.41	0.51	0.47
Infant Mortality	22.1	25.4	26.4	23.0
Still Births (per 1,000 live and still births)	25.1	23.5	23.9	22.4

\* Figures not available.

P A R T T W O.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following Table gives details of the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis).

T A B L E I V.

Disease.	Jan/ Mar.	Apr/ Jun.	Jul/ Sep.	Oct/ Dec.	Total.	Deaths	Cases to Hosp.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	5	5	-	1
Whooping Cough.	4	2	-	-	6	-	-
Measles.	128	306	40	-	474	-	1
Dysentery.	-	1	2	9	12	-	2
Pneumonia	8	-	11	8	27	1	3
Food Poisoning	-	2	1	3	6	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS:-	142	311	54	25	532	1	8

Measles follows a two yearly cycle and this has been a "high measles" year. There were 474 cases against 4 in 1956 and 341 in 1955.

Diphtheria. No case of diphtheria occurred during the year.

Immunisation.

124 Children under the age of five years and 2 over the age of five years received a full course of primary immunisation against diphtheria. In addition, 7 children received a reinforcing injection.

A special immunisation session was held at Albert Street Clinic, Featherstone, on the first Thursday of each month.

# TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table summarises particulars contained in the Register of Tuberculous persons:-

T A B L E V.

No. of Cases in Register.	Respiratory		Non-Respty.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
At commencement of 1957	69	43	14	18	144
Notified for the first time during 1957	8	4	1	1	14
Transfers - INWARD	1	-	-	-	1
Removed during 1957.	6	5	-	1	12
At the end of 1957.	72	42	15	18	147

The reason for removal of cases from the Register are given in the following Table:-

T A B L E VI.

Entries relating to:	Respiratory		Non-Repty.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Persons who have died	3	3	-	-	6
Who have recovered	1	1	-	1	3
Persons who have ceased to reside in District.	2	1	-	-	3
TOTALS:-	6	5	-	1	12

In the following Table new cases and mortality are classified:-

T A B L E VII.

Age Groups.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 15 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 25 "	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Under 35 "	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Under 45 "	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Under 55 "	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 65 "	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
TOTALS:-	8	4	1	1	3	3	-	-

National Assistance Act.

Section 47.

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It was not found necessary to deal with any patients under the above Act.





Part III.

C O U N T Y C O U N C I L  
O F T H E  
W E S T R I D I N G O F Y O R K S H I R E.

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Pontefract Municipal Borough  
Featherstone Urban District  
Knottingley Urban District  
Osgoldcross Rural District  
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A N N U A L R E P O R T  
O F T H E  
D I V I S I O N A L M E D I C A L O F F I C E R  
1957.

BY  
J.F. FRASER,  
M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.



Divisional Staff at 31.12.57.

Divisional Medical Officer.

J.F. FRASER M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.Obst., R.C.O.G.

Senior Assistant County Medical Officer  
and School Medical Officer.

G.M. Mayhall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Assistant County Medical Officer and  
School Medical Officer.

J.C. White M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.C.H.

Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Miss E.M. Atkinson.	Miss M.H. Osborne.
Mrs. P.M. Brice.	Miss B.K. Porter.
Mrs. M. Faulkner.	Mrs. M.K. Walsh.
Miss B.N. Kennington.	Miss B. Wright.

Assistant Health Visitors.

Miss L.O.I. Day.	Mrs. J.K. Smith
Miss M.W. Thornley.	(Clinic Nurse)

Tuberculosis Health Visitor.

Mrs. E.W. Petch.

Midwives.

Miss K. Ault.	Miss C. Norton.
Mrs. A. Atack.	Mrs. A.M. Randall.
Mrs. I. Bushell.	Miss C.A. Roberts.
Miss R.G. Fielder.	Mrs. J.R. Wilford.
Mrs. E. Glover. (Relief)	Miss M. Wright.
Mrs. B. Lister.	

Home Nurses.

Mrs. R.L. Copestake.	Miss E. Leach (Relief)
Miss A. Elsley.	Miss E. Lumley.
Mrs. F. Green.	Mrs. A. Moiser.

Home Nurse-Midwives.

Miss B.M. Butterworth	Miss J. Redfearn.
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Mental Health Social Worker.

Mrs. M. Myers.

Mental Health Home Teacher.

Mrs. G.J. Argile.

Speech Therapist.

Miss K. Wade.

Duly Authorised Officer.

Mr. G.F. Townend.

Senior Clerk.

Mr. W. Carver.

## INTRODUCTION.

In this section is given a brief account of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as a whole, under part III of the National Health Services Act.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

### Births.

The number of live births registered in the Divisional area during 1957 was 1106, an increase of 33 compared with the previous year.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE, 19.2 per thousand of the estimated population compared with 18.7 for the previous year was well above the West Riding Administrative County rate of 16.6 and the England and Wales birth rate of 16.1

### Deaths.

The deaths assigned to the Divisional area after correction for transfers were 592, an increase of 53 compared with 1956.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 10.3 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 9.4 for the previous year. Here again the death rate compares favourably with that for the West Riding Administrative Area which is 11.7 and for England and Wales 11.5

### Infant Mortality.

In 1957 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 23, a decrease of one compared with the previous year. The infant mortality rate was 20.8 as against 22.4 in the previous year.

### Maternal Mortality.

There were no maternal deaths in the Divisional area during the year.

## MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES.

### Domiciliary Midwifery.

Of the 1118 notified live births, 557 were delivered by domiciliary midwives, the private doctors being present in 59 of these cases.

### Notifications.

The following notifications were received from midwives practicing in the Division:

Death of Mother	1.
Death of child.	2.
Still births.	7.
Artificial feeding.	118.
Liability to be a source of Infection	11.

### Medical Assistance.

Medical aid notices sent in by midwives during 1957 numbered 117, all of these being domiciliary.

### Gas and Air Analgesia.

All the domiciliary midwives held the certificate in gas and air analgesia administration and were equipped with the necessary apparatus.

Gas and air analgesia only was given in 72 cases. Pethidine only was given in 119 cases, and gas and air and pethidine was given in 274 cases.

### Ante Natal Clinics.

There are four ante-natal Clinics in the Division which are held at Pontefract, Featherstone, Knottingley and Ferrybridge, and during the year 553 patients attended, of which 437 were new patients. The total number of attendances was 3554.

At all of these Clinics post-natal examinations are carried out and 182 patients were examined post-natally during the year.

### Relaxation Classes.

Relaxation Classes for expectant mothers are held at the Pontefract, Featherstone and Knottingley Clinics.

These have continued to be well attended and the number of attendances at these Clinics during the year was 833.

### Institutional Midwifery.

Patients from this Division are admitted either to the Castleford Maternity Home or to the Southmoor Maternity Unit, Hemsworth.

No difficulty has been experienced regarding maternity accommodation, although it has not always been possible to secure admission to the hospital of the patient's choice. Due to travelling difficulties there is a preference for the Castleford Maternity Home, although our allocation of beds is much smaller than at Southmoor.

### CHILD WELFARE.

In this Division, Infant Welfare sessions are held at seven fixed premises. The Pontefract, Featherstone and Knottingley Clinics are County owned premises, whilst the ones at Carleton, Ferrybridge, Streethouse and Beal are held in hired premises. A mobile Clinic visits four parishes in the Rural district and is proving very popular.

It is hoped to be able to extend the area of operation in the next year.



The following proprietary preparations were available at cost price to all women attending at the Clinics:

Ostermilk	Viol
Trufood	Maltoline
Ovaltine	Scotts Twin Pack.
Cow & Gate	Farex
Glucose 'D'	Robinson's Groats
Horlicks	Robinson's Patent Barley
Minadex	Colact
Lactagol	Robrex
Bemax	Robscup
Cerex	Bovril Weaning Food
Trufood Cereal	Roboleine

The following were distributed free of charge:-

I.C.D. Tablets	Ferrous Sulphate Tablets
Vitcolin Tablets	A & D Liquid
Vitamin 'C'	Lactation Tablets.

I wish to express my thanks to the ladies of the Voluntary Committees at the Clinics for all the work they have done during the year.

#### Premature Babies.

During the year 67 babies weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs or less were born in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division and 23 were born at home.

### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

#### Medical Inspections.

The periodic medical examination of the four age groups i.e. entrants (5 years +) second age group (7 years +) intermediate years (10 years +) and leavers (14 years+) continued throughout the year at the 54 schools in the division.

Re-examinations of children who, at previous periodic or special examinations had been found to have defects, were made at each school medical inspection. During the year 3343 periodic inspections were carried out. In addition 1450 special inspections and re-examinations were made. When it is considered that the school population is 10,000 it will be realised over half of all children at school were examined at one time or another during the year.

#### General condition of Children.

All pupils at routine medical inspections are classified as to their general condition at the time of examination and 91.12 were classified as satisfactory and only 8.88 as unsatisfactory.

#### Uncleanliness.

During the year Health Visitors and School Nurses made 17,192 examinations of children in schools. Of these 421 individual children were found to be infested.

## SPECIAL CLINICS

### Ophthalmic Clinics.

Mr. S.K. Sledge holds one session per week at the Pontefract Clinic at which children from all areas of the division attend. Due to the large numbers of children awaiting examination it has been necessary on occasions to hold additional sessions which have been held by Dr. J.V. Kirkwood, and during the year 1238 children were examined. Of these, 511 were prescribed glasses.

### Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics

Mr. K.M. Mayall holds fortnightly sessions at the Headlands Road Clinic for children from this division. During the year Mr. Mayall held 22 sessions and saw 119 children. In all, the children made 196 attendances.

### Orthopaedic Clinics.

Mr. R.W.L. Calderwood, Orthopaedic Surgeon, holds a monthly clinic at the Headlands Road Clinic, and during the year 10 sessions were held. 118 children were seen at these clinics and the total number of attendances made was 159.

### Child Guidance Treatment.

Dr. S.M. Leese, Consultant Psychiatrist, holds Child Guidance Clinics at the County Health Department, Wakefield, and during the year 17 children from this area attended there.

### Ultra Violet Ray Treatment.

During the winter months, Ultra Violet Ray treatment sessions are held twice weekly at the Headlands Road Clinic, Pontefract. During the year, 95 children made 1203 attendances for this treatment.

### Speech Therapy.

Miss K.M. Wade, Speech Therapist in this division, held 87 sessions at the Featherstone and Knottingley Clinics during the year. 38 children were treated.

### Handicapped Pupils.

The regular medical examination of handicapped children continued during the year and where necessary, recommendations were made for placement in Special Schools.

### Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Training College

It is the duty of the School Medical Officer to examine candidates applying for entry to training colleges for the purpose of satisfying the college authorities of their fitness to follow a course of teacher training. During the year 29 candidates were examined and where necessary, x-ray examination arranged.

In the case of entrants to the teaching profession, 9 examinations were made.

### B.C.G. Vaccination Against Tuberculosis.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis was offered to all children in the year of their 13th birthday. With the consent of the parents a test is performed to see if the child has already encountered the germ of Tuberculosis. If it has done so, no further action is taken, as it is assumed that the child is acquiring a natural immunity. If, however, the test indicates that the child has not encountered tubercle bacillus, then vaccination is carried out.

The age of 13 years has been chosen because at this age the natural resistance to the disease tends to drop and it is hoped to confer protection during the years of increased risk.

During 1957 the following work was undertaken in the division:-

<u>No. of consents issued</u>	<u>No. of consents Received</u>	<u>Mantoux Test</u>	<u>Mantoux Negative</u>	<u>Mantoux Positive</u>
931	589	574	401	168

#### B.C.G. Vaccination.

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### Vaccination against Poliomyelitis.

The programme to vaccinate against poliomyelitis all children born between 1947 and 1954 was continued during the year, although supplies of vaccine were limited. During the year, 1935 children received a complete course of protection from local Health Authority Medical Officers.

At the end of the year, the Government decided to extend the age groups of children to be dealt with so as to include all children born in the years 1943-1956 inclusive, and babies born in the first half of 1957. In addition, vaccination was to be offered to all expectant mothers.

In order that vaccination should proceed as quickly as possible, it was decided to import supplies of Salk vaccine from the United States of America and Canada. The first supplies were due to arrive at the beginning of 1958.

### HEALTH VISITING

During the year the following number of visits were made by Health Visitors in the division:

<u>No. of children under 5 years of age visited during the year</u>	4407
Total visits made to expectant mothers	227
Total visits made to children under 1 year of age	6290
Total visits to children aged 1 & under 2 years	4114
Total visits to children aged 2 but under 5 years	6044
Total visits to tuberculous households	1864
Total families or households visited	4576
Other cases visited	7525



URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF

FEATHERSTONE

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1957, the Thirty-First I have had the honour of placing before you.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLY: The water supply, which is purchased in bulk from Wakefield Corporation Waterworks was satisfactory in quality and quantity throughout the year.

All the houses in the district are connected to the public mains.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AND DRAINAGE

During the year 3 privy closets were converted to water closets; 35 additional water closets were provided for old property and 53 water closets were provided for new property, while 23 water closets and 1 privy closet were demolished with the houses they served.



At the end of the year there were:-

4760	Pedestal Water Closets
37	Trough Closets
20	Waste Water Closets
15	Pail Closets
30	Privy Closets

There are 92 houses in the district not connected to the public sewer and which are drained to cesspools. The cesspools are regularly emptied by means of a mechanical cesspool emptier.

There are two Sewage Works, one at South Featherstone and one at Old Snydale.

64% of the houses on the sewer drain to the South Featherstone Works, and 36% to Old Snydale.

The South Featherstone Works are still in course of reconstruction and enlargement.

SCAVENGING: Scavenging is done by direct labour and has been satisfactorily carried out during the year.

The estimated weight of refuse collected was 10,797 tons. Of this quantity, 10,767 tons were disposed of by tipping and 30 tons were recovered as salvage.

The following materials were salvaged and sold:-

Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.		£.	s.	d.
	16.	0.	0.	Bottles & Jars	2.	17.	8.
21.	4.	0.	19.	Mixed Waste Paper	159.	1.	3.
8.	1.	3.	0.	Fibreboard	73.	16.	7.
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30.	1.	3.	19.		£ 238.	15.	6.
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NUISANCES: 203 nuisances were discovered, the majority of which were remedied as a result of informal action.

It was necessary to serve 81 Statutory Notices.

FACTORIES: The term Factory includes premises large and small where articles are made, altered or repaired for purpose of gain. There are 38 such premises on the register, and 92 inspections were made. It was not found necessary to take any legal action.



RODENT CONTROL: During the year, 1,776 inspections were made and 218 premises were baited (pre-bait and poison) against rats and mice. These were mostly small infestations but included several allotments. 359 dead rats and 110 dead mice were picked up, which indicates that a large number of rats and mice were killed.

The Council's own premises, sewage works and refuse tip were treated at three monthly intervals. Sewer Treatments were carried out in March and October.

HOUSING: During the year 38 houses and 4 bungalows were built by the local authority, and 5 houses and 2 bungalows by private enterprise a total of 49 new dwellings.

The number of post war houses built is as follows:-

Number of house erected

<u>Year</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise</u>	<u>Total</u>
1946	42	-	42
1947	84	4	88
1948	114	-	114
1949	154	-	154
1950	12	2	14
1951	66	6	72
1952	75	2	77
1953	44	3	47
1954	105	183	288
1955	26	30	56
1956	104	11	115
1957	42	7	49
	868	248	1116

47 houses were demolished during the year in pursuance of demolition orders.

106 houses were found to require Statutory action to secure repairs and 8 demolition orders were made.





The Rent Act, 1957 came into operation during the year and it was early evident that Notices of Increase had been widely served. It is not possible to state how many Tenants notice of defects of repair (Form "G") were served but the number must have been considerable.

By the end of the year 101 tenants had applied for Certificates of Disrepair and 101 Forms "J" were served on the owners. On receipt of these Forms 63 Forms "K" were issued by the landlords and 38 Certificates of Disrepair were issued.

The Act has resulted in increased activity in house repairs and generally speaking it has been found that the majority of tenants do not mind the increase in rent so long as necessary repairs are carried out.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD: There are 2 slaughter houses in your area.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	102	36	11	633	121	Nil
Number Inspected	102	36	11	633	121	Nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u> Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tubercul- osis and cysticerci	8.8%	5.5%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u> Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil





	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u> Continued: Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.9%	13.9%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

During the year the following articles of food were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Tinned and Untinned Meat	649 lbs
Tomatoes	237 tins
Tomato Soup	1 tin
Tomato Juice	3 tins
Vegetable Soup	1 tin
Macedoines	1 tin
Mixed Vegetables	1 tin
Carrots	1 tin
Peas	9 tins
Baked Beans	15 tins
Butter Beans	1 tin
Sardines	1 tin
Pilchards	3 tins



Salmon	1 tin
Crab	9 tins
Evaporated Milk	10 tins
Condensed Milk	1 tin
Golden Syrup	4 lbs
Pears	23 tins
Pineapple	17 tins
Strawberries	2 tins
Peaches	6 tins
Oranges	27 tins
Apricots	2 tins
Fruit Salad	5 tins
Grapefruit	13 tins

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MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949: The following  
licences have been issued during the year:-

Dealers	Tuberculin Tested	15
Supplementary	Tuberculin Tested	4
Dealers	Pasteurised	17
Supplementary	Pasteurised	5
Dealers	Sterilised	33
Supplementary	Sterilised	3

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FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955: In the district there are 120 Shops together with 17 Public Houses and Clubs, 10 Works Canteens, 9 School Canteens and 1 Hospital, which come within the term Food Premises all premises were visted during the year and improvements or alterations were carried out at 10 of these premises.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. Hilsley.

Chief Public Health Inspector.



### HOME NURSING.

During the year 26,809 visits were paid by Home Nurses compared with 27,939 in the previous year.

The number of cases attended and visits made are shown below:-

Classification.	No. of Cases attended by Home Nurses during year.	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during the year.
(1) Medical	701	20,583
(2) Surgical	219	5,237
(3) Infectious Diseases	2	8
(4) Tuberculosis	25	946
(5) Maternal complications	6	35
TOTALS:-	953	26,809.
Patients included in above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year.	488	17,372
Children included in above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year.	82	748
Patients included in above who have had more than 24 visits during the year.	163	9,616

### HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service is provided under the National Health Act, 1946. Section 29 of the Act stipulates the class of case for which provision of a Home Help can be made. These are as follows:-

- |               |                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| (a) Ill.      | (d) Expectant Mother.                       |
| (b) Lying-in. | (e) Mental Defective.                       |
| (c) Aged.     | (f) A child not over compulsory school age. |

Before a Home Help can be provided, a form of application must be signed by the Head of the household on which he undertakes either to pay the whole cost of the service, or to give a statement of his income and agree to pay the assessed charge according to the County Council Scheme.



Under no circumstances can a Home Help be used as a sitter-in and the amount of assistance which a patient is granted is related strictly to the amount of domestic work which is required to be done.

The authorised establishment of Home Helps in this Division was 27.

Authorised Divisional Establishment.

(i) Basic	27
(ii) From Reserve Pool	-
(iii) TOTAL	27

No. of Domestic Helps employed at 31st December.

(i) Whole-time	Nil
(ii) Part-time	38
(iii) TOTAL	38

Cases provided with Domestic Help during the year Ended 31st December.

	<u>No. of Cases.</u>	<u>Hours Employed</u>
(i) Maternity (Including expectant mothers)	48	3084
(ii) Tuberculosis	6	1512
(iii) Chronic sick - (a) aged 65 +	221	36895
(b) under 65	31	4021
(iv) Others	-	-
<u>TOTALS:-</u>	306	45512

Number of Home Helps that could have been employed full-time 19.8

MENTAL HEALTH.

The mental health work in the division consists mainly of the supervision of defectives under Voluntary and Statutory Supervision, and in the provision of reports on home conditions to Hospital Management Committees. The nearest Occupation Centre to this area is at Castleford and at the end of the year 15 children from this area were attending there. For the children who were considered unsuitable for the Occupation Centre, group training classes are held twice weekly at the Pontefract, Featherstone and Knottingley Clinics, where the Home Teacher, Mrs. Argile provides training in handicrafts of various sorts.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR SUPERANNUATION PURPOSES

New entrants to the County Council Service are required to undergo a medical examination to see if they are suitable for admission to the Superannuation Scheme, and during the year I examined 63 candidates. In addition, 2 members of the County Staff resident in the Divisional Area who had been off duty through sickness for a considerable period were examined to ascertain whether or not they were incapable of continuing employment by reason of permanent ill-health.



